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On 27 May 1954, the Nordlager (north camp) at the Altengrabow troop training grounds was occupied to capacity by about 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. Sixteen 122-mm field guns were seen under a lean-to roof. About 25 trucks were observed at the motor vehicle parking lot. An undetermined number of troops engaged in service of the piece drill on 4 x 37-mm AA guns at the camp training area. The Sudlager (south camp) was apparently occupied below capacity by 2,000 to 3,000 troops. Individual soldiers were observed in the area of the ammunition depot and the filling installation. Source observed neither training nor firing practices in the training area on that day.

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Comment. [REDACTED] the units of the 6th Arty Div, the 34th Arty Div (US) and the 20th Army AT Arty Brig (US), which transferred to the Altengrabow troop training grounds in late April and early May. In addition [REDACTED] motor vehicle [REDACTED] of the Eighth Gds Army, the 13th AAA Div, the 7th Gds Tank Div and the 120th (?) AAA Regt of the 6th Gds Mech Div were also observed. Light AA units of these units presumably conducted firing practices at Altengrabow. However, only units of the 120th (?) AAA Regt were observed during their transfer in early May. [REDACTED]

The 122-mm field guns observed in the north camp belong to the 34th Arty Div (US).

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